Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from 0019 007 - 3 PM 3: 56 travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

(Revised 1/3/11)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-2

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

<u>Pre-Travel Filing Instructions</u>: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the <u>Select Committee on Ethics</u> in <u>SH-220</u>. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your

Date/Time Stamp:

Form RE-1

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Name of Traveler:	Dara Cohen
Employing Office/Committee:	Senator Jacky Rosen
Private Sponsor(s) (list all):	sh Committee's Project Interchange
September 1 - 8, 2019 Travel date(s):	
Note: If you plan to extend the trip for	any reason you must notify the Committee.
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I certify that the information contained in this	form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:
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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1.	AJC (American Jewish Committee) through Project Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
••	Interchange, and educational institute of AJC.
2.	Description of the trip: A six day educational seminar, inclusive of travel, in Israel where participants
	meet with experts and peers to learn about and discuss issues relevant to Israel and the Middle East.
·3.	Dates of travel: September 1-8, 2019
4.	Place of travel: Israel (Tel Aviv and Jerusalem)
5.	Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Jacky Rosen, Dara Cohen, Chief of Staff, see attached
6.	I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. - OR -
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7.	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8.	I certify that:
	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement. - AND -
	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. -OR-
	 (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). −OR −
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	AJC headquartered in New York is the non-profit sponsoring and conducting the trip.
	AJC is solely responsible for funding this trip.
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13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
	AJC is committed to building a safer, more secure future for the Jewish people, Israel and all humanity.
	The trip will educate the Senator and her staff about Israel and the need for a secure Jewish state.
· 14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
,	2018: House Cmte. Foreign Affairs staffer attended the AJC BILLA Strategic Forum in Miami
	February 2007; March 2005: Bi-Partisan Congressional Staff Delegation (House and Senate staff)
	June 2003: Bi-Partisan Congressional Staff Delegation (House staff)

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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel;				
	The daily expenses are at or under the State Department per diem rates for Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.				
	Lodging is below the maximum per diem; meals are below the maximum per diem.				
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary.				
	AJC provides roundtrip economy class airfare to all participants. In Israel the group will use a standard				
	charter coach bus for daily transportation.				
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35)				
24	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event.				
	None				
25.	I hereby co. tify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving				
	more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor): Signature of Travel Sponsor.				
	Name and Title: Marc Stern, Chief Legal Officer				
	Name of Organization: American Jewish Committee (AJC)				
	Address: 165 E. 56th Street, New York, NY 10021				
	Telephone Number: 212-891-1480				
	212-891-1495 Fax Number				
	E-mail Address: sternm@ajc.org				



AJC Project Interchange Supplemental Information

Question #5:

Grant Dubler, Legislative Director, Jacky Rosen

Question #16: Expenses

Expense By City

Tel Aviv

Hotel: \$300 per night/ 3 nights = \$900 per room

Meals: 2 lunch: \$80 (\$40 each) 2 dinner: \$150 (\$75 each)

<u>Jerusalem</u>

Hotel: \$290 per night/ 2 nights = \$580

Meals: 2 lunch: \$80 (\$40 each), 2 Dinner \$175 (\$75 and \$100 for Shabbat catering)



June 20, 2019

Dear Ms. Cohen.

On behalf of AJC's Project Interchange, we are delighted to invite you to participate in a **Delegation in Israel with Senator Rosen and staff scheduled to depart for Israel on September 1, 2019 and return to the U.S. on September 8, 2019.** The delegation is organized and facilitated by <u>American Jewish Committee</u> (AJC) through its non-profit and apolitical educational institute <u>Project Interchange</u> (PI).

This delegation will serve as a comprehensive introduction to Israel. While each itinerary is unique, all programs examine the complex issues facing Israel and the region and include travel to significant historic, political, religious, and cultural sites. Through meetings with Jewish, Arab-Israeli, and Palestinian leaders, senior government officials and academics, NGO representatives, and religious leaders, participants will gain insight into government, security issues and human and civil rights in Israel. The delegation will highlight the topics of immigration, pluralism, and the art of bridging cultures within a politically and ethnically diverse society. Discussions in Ramallah with Palestinian leaders will provide a further range of opinions and perspectives. Each delegation is accompanied by a professional Israeli tour guide and an AJC/PI professional.

This invitation is being extended to a select group and includes round-trip economy class airfare from your nearest international airport to Tel Aviv, ground transportation in Israel, hotel accommodations and most meals. Participants are responsible only for the cost of a few meals, travel expenses to and from your closest international airport, and any personal expenses incurred in Israel. This delegation is intended primarily for first-time visitors to Israel, or those that have not traveled on an educational delegation with a Jewish organization.

We hope you can join us for this truly unique experience in Israel.

Sincerely,

Nisha R. Abkarian

Director

Project Interchange

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National Chair

Project Interchange

List of Senate Invitees

Senator Jacky Rosen

- Dara Cohen, Chief of Staff, Senator Jacky Rosen

Grant Dubler, Legislative Director, Senator Jacky Rosen



AJC Delegation for Senator Jacky Rosen and Staff

<u>September 1 – 8, 2019</u>

Sunday, September 1, 2019- Day 1

10:30pm

Depart Washington Dulles on United Airlines #72

Monday, September 2, 2019 - Day 2

4:30pm Arrival in Israel United Airlines #72 (Washington Dulles to Tel Aviv)

Check into Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv

7:00-8:30pm Group Dinner with Jason Isaacson, AJC Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer,

at Yulia Restaurant, Tel Aviv harbor

During dinner the group will receive an overview of the week, discuss the subjects they will be learning more about and hear from Jason about his experience with diplomats and foreign governments in the Middle East, The Gulf and North Africa.

Overnight

Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Day 3

9:00 – 10:30 am

Introduction to Israeli History, Politics and Society, with Professor Yossi Shain,

Professor Political Science, Tel Aviv University, at the hotel

During this introduction to Israel session the group will be briefed on Israeli politics, learn how Israel can be both a democratic and Jewish state and an introduction to Israeli society.

11:00-12:30pm

Guided Tour of Rabin Center

This session tells the history of Israel through the life of former Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin by illuminating the Israeli military and the metamorphosis of one of the great military leaders into a peacemaker.

12:45-2:00pm

The Past, Present and Future of U.S.- Israel Relations, lunch and discussion

with Ambassador Dan Shapiro, at the Rabin Center



This session will enable the delegation to hear from a former U.S. diplomat who previously served as Ambassador. This meeting will provide a diplomatic overview of Israel's place in the region (security issues, politics, etc.) and allow the group to process everything they have learned throughout the day.

2:00-2:30pm Proceed to the BIRD Foundation

2:30-4:00pm U.S.-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation, discussion with Dr. Eitan Yudelevich,

Executive Director, BIRD Foundation, Ruth Shoham, Executive Director, Strategy and Capacity Building, Israel National Cyber Directorate, and others, at the BIRD

Foundation

This session will enable the delegation to hear from top cybersecurity experts to learn about cybersecurity advancements in Israel and the partnerships between U.S. and Israeli companies that work with BIRD.

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7:00-7:30pm Proceed to the Traklin Restaurant

7:30-9:00pm Energy Solutions and U.S. - Israel Cooperation, dinner and discussion with Nir

Wolf, Executive Vice President, ORMAT Technologies, at the restaurant

This session allows the delegation to meet with an executive of company based in Israel and Nevada to continue to build connections.

Overnight Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - Day 4

7:30-10:15am Proceed to the Mount Adir on Lebanese Border

During the ride to the Lebanese Border, the group will be briefed by the guide and AJC Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer, Jason Isaacson about Northern Israel including the population breakdown, history and security issues that communities in the north are facing.

10:30-11:30pm Overview on the Lebanese Border, and Hezbollah Activities, briefing by Lt. Col.

(res.) Sarit Zehavi, Founder and CEO, Alma

This session will focus on the geostrategic borders in the north of Israel, specifically with Lebanon and the ongoing Hezbollah activities that cross into Israel including missiles and tunnels.

11:30-12:00pm Proceed to Alma Research and Education Center, at Tefen Industrial Zone





CONNECTING LEADERS WORLDWIDE WITH ISRAEL

12:15pm-1:00pm Group Lunch and Discussion at Alma Center with Lt. Col. (res.) Sarit Zehavi,

Founder and CEO, Alma

1:30-2:00pm Challenges Facing the Arab Minority in Israel Minorities, discussion with

Ibrahim Abu Ahmad, Senior Researcher at Alma Research and Education

Center

This session will focus on the Arab-Israeli population of Israel. This is a key session to discover what the Arab-Israeli population faces and how they view their place in Israeli society.

2:15pm-3:30pm Proceed to REFAEL Industries in Leshem

3:30-4:30pm Meet with Iron Dome Engineers

This session will focus on the equipment for Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow 3 systems. The group will meet with the engineers who design the technology that they will see deployed in the field on Thursday.

4:45-7:00pm Proceed to Tel-Aviv

Free Evening

Overnight Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, September 5, 2019 - Day 5

7:30-8:30am Proceed to an Iron Dome Battery, near Ashkelon

7:30-8:30am Israel and International Law, discussion with David Benjamin, Founder and

Director, Security and International Law Specialists (SILS), on the bus

This session will focus on the legal side of how Israel responds to tensions and violence in Gaza, and how international law applies to a state vs non- state actor like Hamas.

9:00-9:45am Visit Iron Dome Battery and meet with IDF Soldiers

The group will be able to see an Iron Dome Battery in the field and speak with soldiers about how it operates and serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

10:00-12:00pm Proceed to Ramallah



12:00-1:30pm -

The Mood in the Palestinian Street, lunch and discussion with Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, at Darna restaurant

This session will allow the Senator to hear what Palestinians are thinking about issues of security, peace and a one or two-state solution. Dr. Shikaki is a prominent pollster who will be able to explain what Palestinians would demand in a peace agreement.

1:45-3:00pm Palestinian Entrepreneurship, discussion with Avi Nudelman, former CEO of

Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce & Tareq Maayah, Founder, Exalt

Technologies, at his company

This session will highlight business cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians and see a Palestinian technology company.

3:15-4:30pm Proceed to the Mamilla hotel in Jerusalem; and check in

5:30-6:30pm Israeli Palestinian Relations – The Road Ahead, discussion with Dr. Tal Becker,

Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), at the hotel

This session will give the Israeli point of view about past peace negotiations, what Israelis would demand from a peace agreement and allow the group to ask questions of a former peace negotiator to synthesize everything she saw in the West Bank and all previous sessions.

7:30-8:00pm Proceed to Piccolino restaurant

8:00-9:30pm Religion, State and Pluralism, dinner and discussion with Rabbi David Rosen,

Director of International Interreligious Affairs, and Director of Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding, AJC, at Piccolino

restaurant

This session will delve into the tensions between secular and religious Israelis, Israel as a democratic state and how Israel protects all of the religions in its borders.

Overnight Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, September 6, 2019 - Day 6

7:45-8:15am Proceed to the Western Wall Tunnels

8:30-10:00am Guided Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels

The Western Wall Tunnels explore the ancient space under the Western Wall to learn the significance of the religious, historical and archeological ties to the Old City.



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10:15-10:45am Proceed to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

11:00-1:00pm Guided Tour of Yad Vashem

The tour of Yad Vashem tells the story of the lost Jewish communities and the Holocaust. This will help understand the founding of modern Israel, the universal message about the price of intolerance and anti-Semitism.

1:00-2:00pm Holocaust Education, lunch and discussion with Sheryl Silver Ochayon, Director,

Echoes and Reflections Program for Teachers, the Yad Vashem International

School for Holocaust Studies

The session will explain how Yad Vashem teaches about the Holocaust, genocide and the price of intolerance and the programs available to help tell the story.

2:15-2:30pm Proceed to the Old City of Jerusalem

2:30-4:30pm Tour of the Old City, including a visit to The Western Wall

The guided tour of the Old City will be conducted by the licensed Israeli tour guide who accompanies the group. He will give the history of the four quarters and lead a discussion about understanding of the ancient Jewish connection to the land and seeing how Israel protects and respects the holy sites of other religions. The group will learn how the Muslim sites are under the governing power of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf which is Jordanian controlled. The group will visit the Western Wall, walk the via Dolarosa, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and view the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosques from the Western Wall Plaza. In seeing the small space that these holy sites of three religions inhabit, the group will understand how a small action- excavation of a new site or part of sermon from Friday prayers can disrupt the fragile calm and lead to global religious issues.

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5:30-6:30pm Review and Reflection, with Jason Isaacson, AJC Chief Policy and Political Affairs

Officer, at the hotel

During this session, the delegation will reflect on their time and what was learned.

6:45-7:45pm Proceed to Rosh-Ha'ayin Village

8:00-9:30pm Shabbat Dinner, at the home of Lt. Col. (res.) Avital Leibovich, Director, AJC

Jerusalem, and her husband Ronen, with invited guests

Avital Leibovich, the Director of AJC Jerusalem is hosting Shabbat Dinner for the delegation. In addition to discussion of Shabbat rituals, the conversation will include a discussion of where current events and what the future likely holds.

9:30-10:30pm Proceed to Jerusalem



Overnight

Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, September 7, 2019 - Day 7

7:00-8:00am

Proceed to Masada and the Dead Sea

8:30-10:00am

History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire at Masada

The group will have a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site at the National Archeological Park at Masada to learn about the history of ancient palaces of Herod the Great and learn about the Jewish revolt against Roman rule that occurred there. Masada is a symbol of the ancient Jewish Kingdom of Israel and is a symbol of both Jewish cultural identity and the human struggle between oppression and liberty. It showcases the resilience and fortitude of the ancient Jews that can be seen in today's Israel and helps understand the modern Israeli mindset. The group will also be able to see where the IDF recruits take their oath.

11:30-1:30pm Exploration of the Dead Sea Region

The group will tour the Dead Sea region with their tour guide and learn about the environmental concerns in the area- shrinking of the Dead Sea, disruption of the ecosystem, how industry has affected the area and what the government is planning to do to keep water flowing into the Dead Sea. The group will also learn about the Red Sea-Dead Sea Project- an effort between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority to increase water flow to Jordan and slow the evaporation of the Dead Sea. This project is a landmark agreement between Israel and her neighbor to help supply water to Jordan that has run into political and economic setbacks.

1:30-2:15pm

Lunch at the Crown Plaza

During lunch the group will reflect on their day with the guide and discuss how Israelis view the agreements with neighboring countries to keep the Dead Sea a vibrant piece of the Israeli tourism and economic industry.

2:15-3:30pm

Proceed to Israel Museum

3:30-5:15pm

Tour of the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book

The group will have a guided tour of the Museum and see the current exhibitions including the Diary of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon and photography of Israel. The Diary of Ilan Ramon will illuminate the cooperation agreement between NASA and the Israel Space Agency to send an Israeli astronaut into space. The tour will include a model of the Second Temple. This model shows Jerusalem prior to the destruction by the Romans and gives context to the connection of Jews to the Old City of Jerusalem. This connection to Jerusalem is a flashpoint for peace negotiations with the Palestinians with both sides claiming the city. By seeing and understanding the Jewish connection to the land, through visiting the remnants of the Western Wall, exploring the Western Wall Tunnels and viewing the model of the ancient city, the group will be able to understand the Jewish connection to the land and be able to bring that knowledge back to make policy and speak on issues related to Israel and Jerusalem.





The group will also have a tour of the Shrine of the Book which houses the first seven scrolls discovered at Qumran in 1947 collectively known as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

BREAK

7:30-9:00pm

Group Dinner at Rashta restaurant, at the Arab Village of Ein Rafa

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - Day 7

12:30am

Depart Tel Aviv United Airline #73 to Washington Dulles